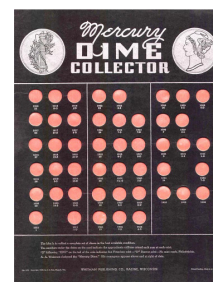


# Coin Board News

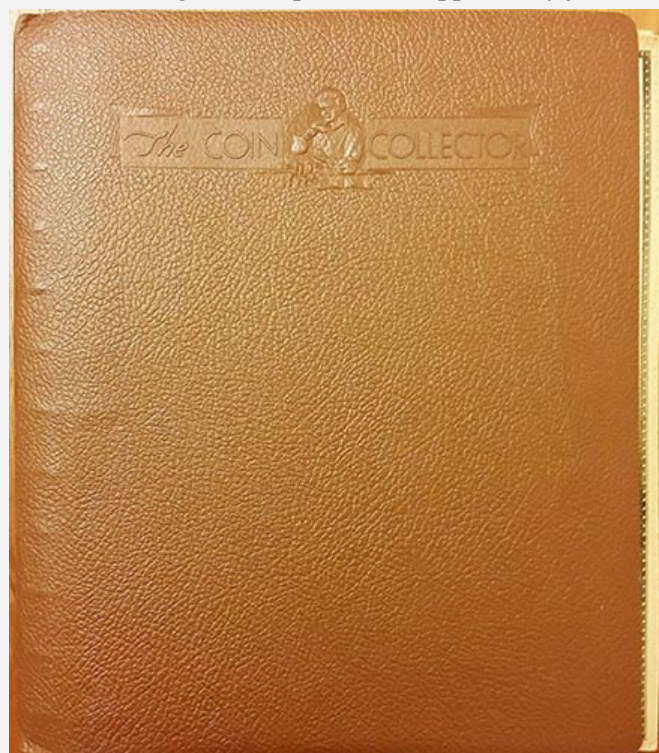
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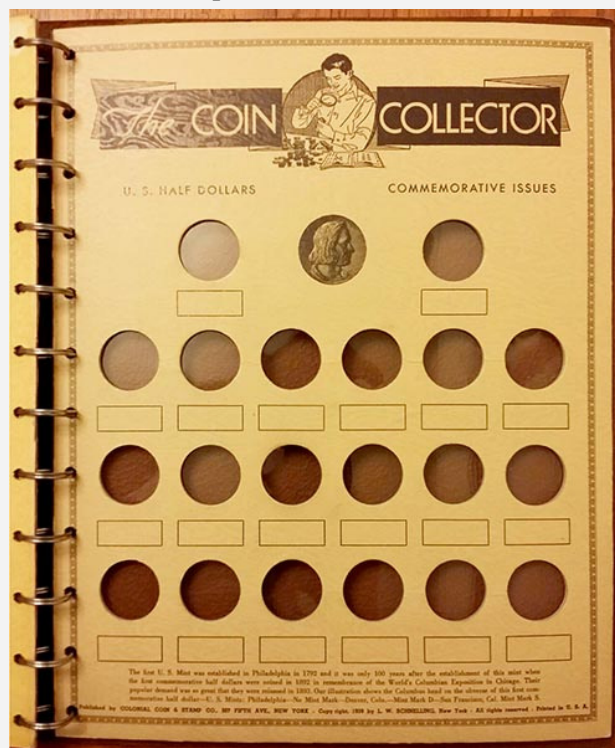


**MIDWEST COLLECTION STILL REVEALING TREASURES** Not long after the last issue of *CBN* was published I finally finished cataloging the vast Midwest Collection of coin boards. The accompanying list of *Coin Boards For Sale* is comprised entirely of Midwest Collection selections, and this source will certainly be mined again with the next list. There are some quite scarce and desirable pieces that will be very hard to replace.

**MARKET ACTIVITY** The past quarter was relatively quiet in comparison to the first half of 2019. The usual line-up of common Whitman and Oberweise boards was presented, but most of these offerings were not particularly choice or valuable. One standout entry was a wonderful pair of Colonial Coin & Stamp Company publisher-bound albums comprising Volumes I and II. It's rare to find either album offered publicly, but this eBay seller had both for sale as a single lot. I spotted this opportunity just an hour or so after it was posted, and I (continued next page)



CBV1 front cover



CBV2 commemorative board



CBV1 front cover detail

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Copyright entry for the Colonial C & S  
Company Eagle/Indian Cent board



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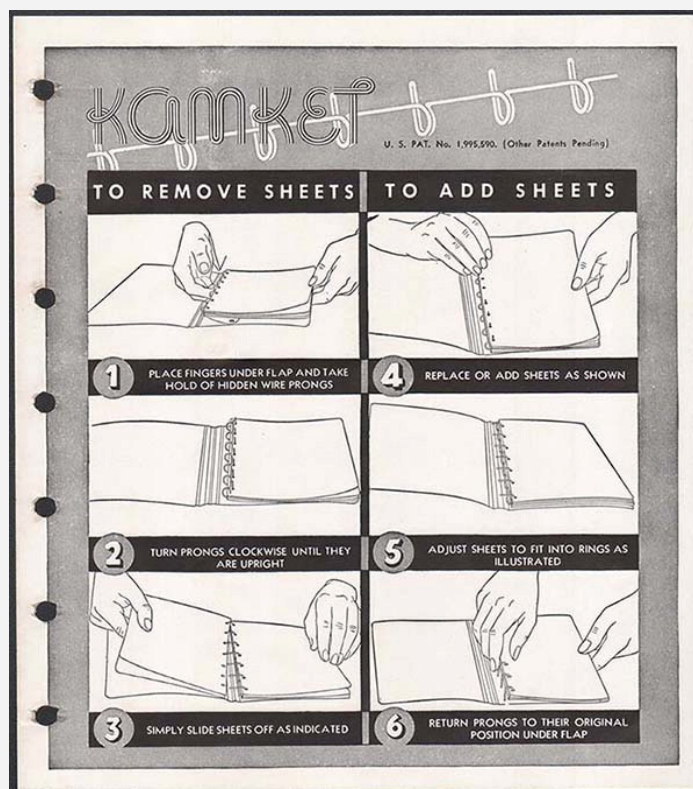
spent no more than two or three minutes before pulling the trigger. The Liberty Head Dime board was lacking, always a possibility with these loose leaf albums, but both volumes were otherwise complete as issued. This pair of albums has since been placed with a happy customer.

The only other item of note on eBay is an extremely rare Whitman Second Edition board for Commemorative Half Dollars (W50¢D2b), still available as of this writing. It has a high Buy-It-Now price, but the seller is open to offers.

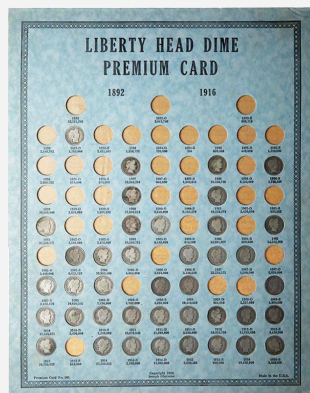
The coin board lots that failed to sell in Goldberg's June auction were offered again in the company's Pre-Long Beach auction September 2.

**BOOK UPDATES** Surprisingly, nothing new was spotted or reported during the past quarter.

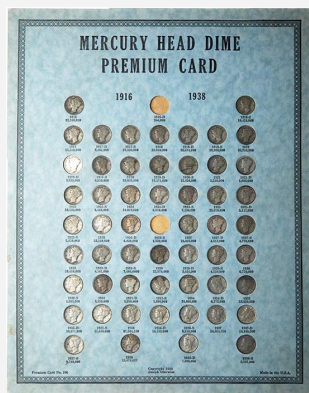
**MUG SHOTS** Below are two more lots from the June Goldberg auction. Though partially filled, the boards remain in nice condition. Also shown are a pair of rare nickel boards I purchased recently. The Buffalo Nickel board has the richly marbled paper so prized by collectors, while the Jefferson board is a rare title in any variety.



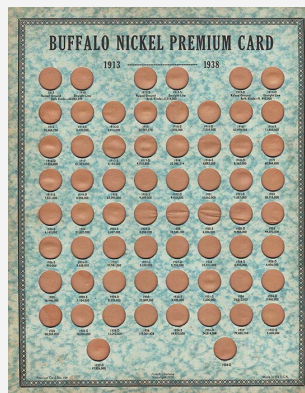
This instruction sheet for using the Colonial Coin & Stamp Company ring binders was included as originally issued but is seldom found today.



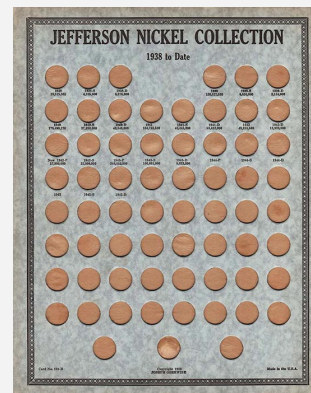
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Boards from Goldberg Coins & Collectibles' June auction



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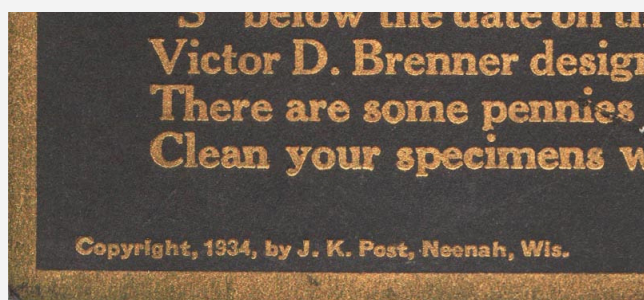
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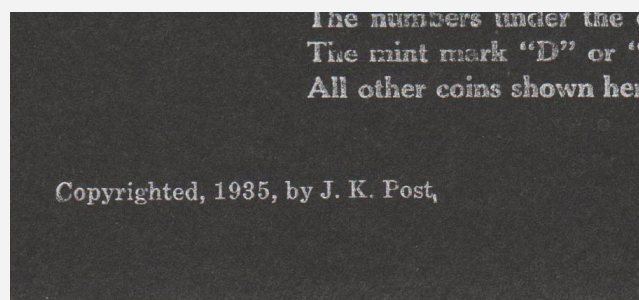
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Some rare Oberwise boards found in the wild

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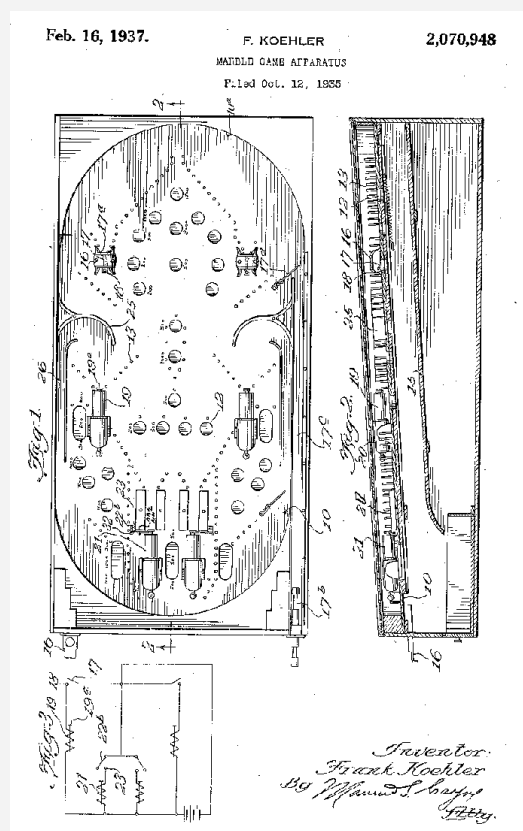


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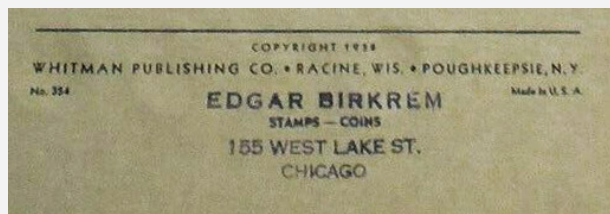


**EARL & KOEHLER TRIVIA** A lot can be learned about coin board publishers by poking around old patent files that are now online. At right is an illustration of the Cannon Ball pinball game as it appeared in a patent application submitted by Frank Koehler in 1934. His patent was granted three years later, but there's much more to the story.

The Internet Pinball Serial Number Database (IPSND.net) lists Earl & Koehler Manufacturing Company of Portland, Oregon as the maker. It also cites the *Encyclopedia of Pinball, Volume 2*, which stated that this was the first pinball game to include a “kicker.” Conflict arose when another patent was submitted by Ken C. Shyvers of Chicago with the same drawings but under the name Cannon Fire. Shyvers had been negotiating with Koehler but then added additional kickers for his version. In an attempt to sort out this mess the Patent Office listed Koehler as the inventor of the kicker but assigned the rights to Shyvers. Evidently, Koehler declined to challenge the matter any further, as by 1937 newer pinball games were already outclassing either of the earlier products. It was not long afterward that Earl & Koehler moved on to the coin board craze, much to the delight of we board collectors.

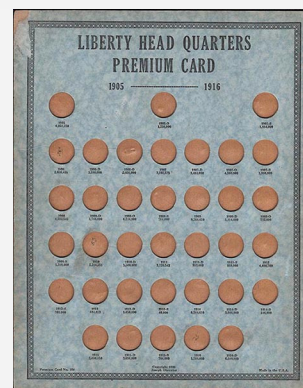
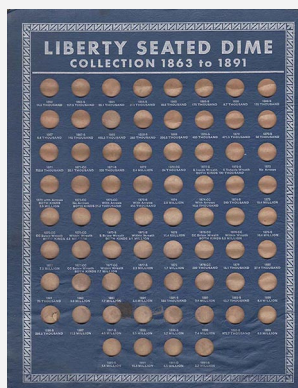
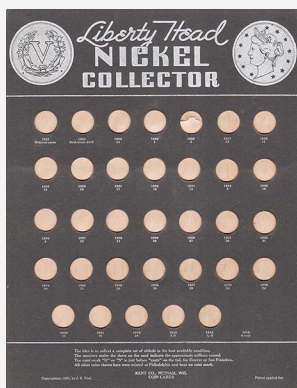
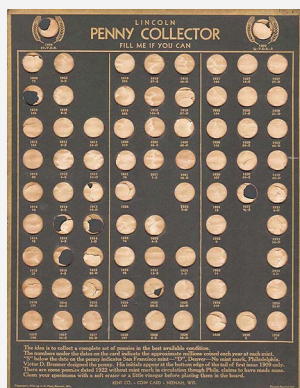


Pinball patent granted to Frank Koehler in 1937



**ON THE ROAD AGAIN** Unless my doctors find yet another treatment I need to undertake (anyone for leeches?) I should be free by the end of September. It was a real blow to miss out on attending the ANA convention for only the fourth time in nearly 40 years. I heard that a number of readers came by the NGC booth looking for me. I'm on the line-up for Whitman's Baltimore Expo in November, so I hope to see some of you then.

**DARTING SHOTS** You can never have enough picture of vintage coin boards. Here are some additional highlights from the Midwest Collection:

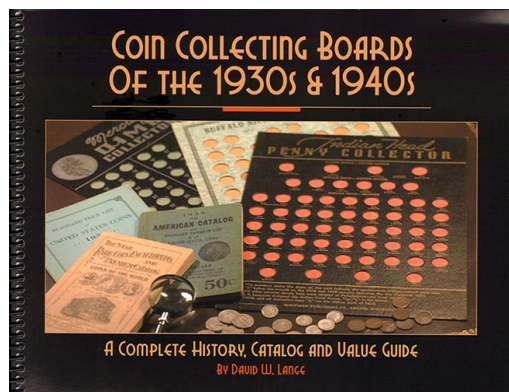


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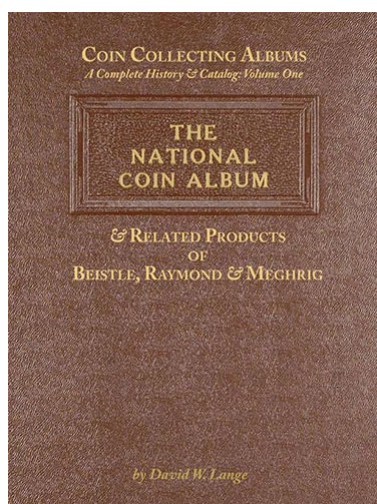
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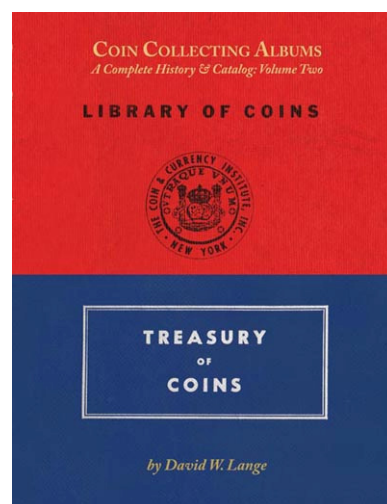
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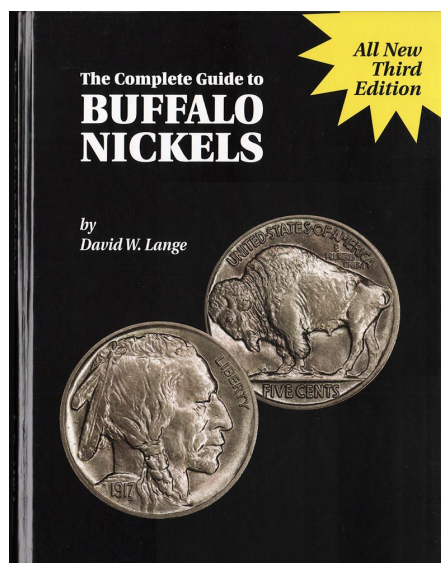


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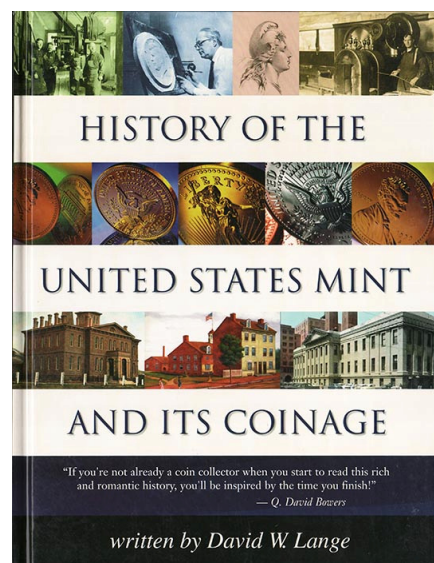


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